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SUBJECT: FAHMY REPORTS ON MOSCOW VISIT

1. ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESS APRIL 23, FONMIN FAHMY ANNOUNCED AT AIRPORT APRIL 22 UPON RETURN TO CAIRO FROM MOSCOW THAT HE WAS CARRYING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT SADAT FROM BREZHNEV, AFFIRMING BREZHNEV'S INTENTION TO VISIT EGYPT "SOMETIME BEFORE NEXT FALL". FAHMY ALSO SAID SOVIET FONMIN GROMYKO PLANNED TO VISIT CAIRO IN MAY "TO COMPLETE MOSCOW TALKS WHICH LASTED TWENTY HOURS".

2. IN PRESS BRIEFING ABOARD FONMIN'S PLANE, FAHMY REPORTED TO HAVE COMMENTED THAT GOE-SOVIET RELATIONS GEADUALLY RETURNING TO NORMAL AS "CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH STOOD IN THE WAY OF RELATIONS" NOW BEGINNING TO DISAPPEAR.

3. GUMHURIYYA'S DIPLOMATIC EDITOR, HUDA TAWFIQ WRITES FROM MOSCOW THAT TALKS:

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A. WERE WARM

B. LED TO AGREEMENT ON IMPORTANCE OF CARRYING OUT INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS

C. LED TO TENTATIVE AGREEMENT THAT GENEVA CONFERENCE BE RECONVENED IN JUNE

D. LED TO DECISION TO DEAL SEPARATELY THROUGH APPROPRIATE MINISTERS ON DEBT RESCHEDULING AND INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS ISSUES.

4. ON CONFERENCE ISSUE, TAWFIQ QUOTES FAHMY AS SAYING THAT "STATE OF BELLIGERENCY", PEACE AGREEMENT AND GUARANTEE OF BORDERS WILL BE DISCUSSED AT GENEVA AFTER TOTAL WITHDRAWAL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF PALESTINIAN ENTITY HAVE BEEN "AGREED UPON". FAHMY REPORTEDLY ADDED THAT "INVITATION OF PLO BY CHAIRMEN OF GENEVA CONFERENCE HAS TO BE SETTLED".

5. COMMENT: SOVIETS AND EGYPTIANS STILL APPEAR NOT HAVE ARRIVED AT DECISION ON HOW TO HANDLE PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATION AT GENEVA CONFERENCE. FAHMY'S REMARKS ON GENEVA AGENDA ARE IN LINE WITH PREVIOUS GOE STATEMENTS THAT THEY WILL NOT BARGAIN OVER THEIR OWN TERRITORY AT CONFERENCE TABLE. NOTICEABLY ABSENT FROM SOVIET/EGYPTIAN COMMUNIQUE IS ANY MENTION OF SOVIET MILITARY SUPPLIES.
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